

Key Vocabulary

adult	A fully grown up animal or plant.
develop	To grow and become stronger.
life cycle	The changes living things go through to become an adult.
offspring	The child of an animal.
reproduce	When living things make a new living thing of the same kind.
young	Offspring that has not reached adulthood.
live young	Offspring that has not hatched from an egg.

All young animals change at different stages as they grow into adults.

All living things **reproduce** and have **offspring**.

Some animals give birth to **live young**. Their offspring normally look like them when they are born.



Other animals have offspring which do not look like them, e.g. fish and amphibians.



Some animals lay eggs which hatch into live young. This **young** then develops into an **adult**.

When these eggs hatch, some animals look like their adult, e.g. birds and reptiles.

